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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: MERSON CONSULTATIVE MISSION

REFERENCES: A) TEHRAN 7593, B) STATE 94763, C) STATE

170218, D) TEHRAN 1537 (2/18/75), E) STATE 280165

1. TWO SEPARATE ISSUES EXIST CONCERNING MERSON CONSULTATIVE MISSIONS. FIRST IS THE APPARENT UNDERPAYMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF USG FOR DECEMBER 1975-JANUARY 1976 MISSION. THIS ISSUE IS COVERED BY REF B. SECOND ISSUE CONCERNS IMPASSE REACHED RE FUTURE MERSON VISITS BECAUSE GOI HAS NOT PROVIDED FOR PAYMENT OF SUPPORTING SERVICE COSTS AND CURRENT USG PER DIEM RATES (REF C). REF A, SEEMS TO HAVE INTERMINGLED THESE SEPARATE ISSUES.

2. RE REIMBURSEMENT ISSUE, TERMS FOR THREE MERSON VISITS,  
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INCLUDING DISPUTED ONE, WERE OUTLINED IN MFA NOTE TO EM-

BASSY (REF B). THIS PROVIDED PAYMENT OF SECOND CLASS TICKET FOR THREE TRIPS, SUM OF 4,500 DOLS FOR QTE SERVICE ALLOWANCES UNQTE AND 3,000 DOLS FOR QTE STAY EXPENSES UNQTE. DOL INTERPRETS THIS AS PROVIDING AIR PLUS 2,500 DOLS PER TRIP, COMPUTED AS FOLLOWS: 1,500 DOLS (ONE - THIRD SERVICE ALLOWANCE) PLUS 1,000 DOLS (ONE - THIRD STAY EXPENSES AMOUNT).

3. MERSON AIR FARE 1,039 DOLS FOR DECEMBER - JANUARY TRIP (EXCURSION RATE). THEREFORE, AMOUNT DUE 3,539 DOLS. AMOUNT RECEIVED GOI EQUIVALENT TO 1,036 DOLS (REF B). BALANCE DUE, 2,503 DOLS.

4. SUPPORTING SERVICE CHARGES WERE WAIVED BY DOL ON ONE-TIME RPT ONE-TIME BASIS FOR DECEMBER 1975 - JANUARY 1976 MISSION (REF E) AND THIS MATTER SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN RAISED IN DISCUSSING REIMBURSEMENT ISSUE (PARA 2, REF A).

5. RE IMPASSE ISSUE, DOL CONDITIONS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF MERSON'S SERVICES WERE SPELLED OUT REF C, AND STATE 035501.

6. THESE TWO ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE IN AUGUST MEETING USIRJC MANPOWER COMMITTEE SO COPY OF MFA NOTE WOULD BE HELPFUL TO SEGALL/HALM. IF ISSUES NOT RESOLVED AT MEETING, DOL WILL REQUEST FURTHER EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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